BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

) Case No. 09-2004-156158
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DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Suspension and Order is hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision and Order by the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2006.

IT IS SO ORDERED June 27, 2006

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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Chair, Panel A

Division of Medical Quality

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10	MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	STATE OF CAL	IFORNIA	
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 09-2004-156158	
13	ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D. 418 W. Third Street		
14	Azusa, CA 91702	STIPULATED SUSPENSION AND ORDER	
15	1189 West Arrow Highway Azusa, CA 91702	AND ORDER	
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17	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 16695		
18	Respondent.		
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20	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the		
21	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
22	<u>PARTIES</u>		
23	1. David T. Thornton (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical		
24	Board of California. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in		
25	this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Sanford H. Feldman,		
26	Deputy Attorney General.		
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- 2. Respondent ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D. is represented in this proceeding by attorney Peter Osinoff, Esq., whose address is Bonne Bridges Mueller O'Keefe & Nichols, 3699 Wilshire Boulevard, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010.
- 3. On or about November 16, 1955, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 16695 to ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D. (Respondent). The Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 09-2004-156158 and will expire on August 31, 2006, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 09-2004-156158 was filed before the Division of Medical Quality (Division) for the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 12, 2005. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 09-2004-156158 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 09-2004-156158. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Suspension and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 09-2004-156158, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate A 16695.

CULPABILITY

- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent, respondent admits that he suffers from a hearing loss that affects his ability to practice medicine safely.
- 10. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate A 16695 is subject to discipline and suspension and agrees to be bound by the Division's Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- Quality. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Division considers and acts upon it. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Suspension and Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Suspension and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Division may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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SUSPENSION ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.

A 16695 issued to Respondent ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D. is suspended pursuant to
Business and Professions Code section 822 and shall remain suspended until the Division is
satisfied, with due regard for the public health and safety, that respondent's right to practice
medicine may be safely reinstated based on competent evidence that respondent is physically and
mentally able to practice medicine safely, including competent evidence of the absence or control

of the condition which caused the suspension (i.e., hearing impairment).

Prior to seeking modification or termination of the suspension, respondent 1. shall successfully complete (i.e., successfully demonstrate competence and lack of mental and/or physical impairment) a clinical assessment program equivalent to the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE) offered at the University of California - San Diego School of Medicine ("Program"). The Program shall consist of a Comprehensive Assessment program comprised of a two-day assessment of respondent's physical and mental health; basic clinical and communication skills common to all clinicians; and medical knowledge, skill and judgment pertaining to respondent's specialty or sub-specialty, and at minimum, a 40 hour program of clinical education in the area of practice in which respondent was alleged to be deficient and which takes into account data obtained from the assessment, Decision(s), Accusation(s), and any other information that the Division or its designee deems relevant. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical training program. Based on respondent's performance and test results in the assessment and clinical education, the Program will advise the Division or its designee of its recommendation(s) for the scope and length of any additional educational or clinical training, treatment for any medical condition, treatment for any psychological condition, or anything else affecting respondent's practice of medicine. At the completion of any additional educational or clinical training, respondent shall submit to and pass an examination. The Program's determination whether or not respondent passed the examination or successfully completed the Program shall be binding. Respondent shall complete the Program not later than

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six months after respondent's initial enrollment unless the Division or its designee agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

2. Should Respondent ever apply for modification or termination of suspension or reapply for a new license or certification from the Board or any other heath care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 09-2004-156158 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and fully admitted by respondent.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Suspension and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Peter Osinoff, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it

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	will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate A 16695. I enter into this Stipulated
2	Suspension and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
3	Decision and Order of the Division.
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7	TUNSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D.
8	Respondent
9	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL,
10	M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Suspension
11	and Order. I approve its form and content.
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15	PETER OSINOFF, Esq.
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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Division of Medical Quality (Division) for the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4.Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Division deems proper.

5. Section 2234 of the Code states:

"The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act].
 - "(b) Gross negligence.
- "(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.
- "(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.
- "(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's

conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

- "(d) Incompetence.
- "(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
 - "(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate.
 - "(g)
 - 6. Section 2266 the Code states:
- "The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes unprofessional conduct."
 - 7. Section 822 of the Code states:

"If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

- (a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.
- (b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.
- (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.
- (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its discretion deems proper.

The licensing agency shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated.

8. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Division may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

9. Section 14124.12 of the Welfare and Institutions Code states, in pertinent part:

"(a) Upon receipt of written notice from the Medical Board of California, the
Osteopathic Medical Board of California, or the Board of Dental Examiners of California,
that a licensee's license has been placed on probation as a result of a disciplinary action,
the department may not reimburse any Medi-Cal claim for the type of surgical service or
invasive procedure that gave rise to the probation, including any dental surgery or
invasive procedure, that was performed by the licensee on or after the effective date of
probation and until the termination of all probationary terms and conditions or until the
probationary period has ended, whichever occurs first. This section shall apply except in
any case in which the relevant licensing board determines that compelling circumstances
warrant the continued reimbursement during the probationary period of any Medi-Cal
claim, including any claim for dental services, as so described. In such a case, the
department shall continue to reimburse the licensee for all procedures, except for those
invasive or surgical procedures for which the licensee was placed on probation."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

- 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2234(b) in that he was grossly negligent in connection with the care, treatment and management of patient Vanessa G. The circumstances are set forth below.
- 11. On or about January 23, 2003, patient Vanessa G., a 23-year-old female, first presented to respondent, an ophthalmology and otolaryngology specialist. She complained of vertigo that had not been resolved by her general practitioner. Even though Vanessa G. presented with a complaint of vertigo, respondent failed to perform an audiogram, a tympanogram and an electronystagmogram. In addition, respondent failed to order a CT scan to rule out 8th nerve tumors.

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herein by reference as if fully set forth.

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1	FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE				
2 .	(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records)				
- 3	19. Respondent is subject to further disciplinary action under Code section				
4	2266 in that he failed to maintain adequate and accurate records in connection with the care,				
5	treatment and management of patient Vanessa G. The circumstances are set forth below.				
6	20. Paragraphs 10-18 above are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set				
7	forth.				
8	21. On or about January 23, 2003, respondent failed to document an adequate				
9	history and physical, failed to describe the frequency of the tuning forks used and failed to give				
10	an estimate of decibels of hearing.				
11	22. On or about January 30, February 13, February 24, April 10, April 24, Ma				
12	29, June 11 and June 19, 2003, respondent failed to note a working diagnosis.				
13	23. On or about February 24, 2003, respondent failed to document the				
14	diagnosis upon which he based his scheduling of patient Vanessa G.'s mastoid series.				
15	FIFTH CAUSE FOR ACTION				
16	(Physical Impairment)				
17	24. Respondent is subject to further action under Code section 822 in that he				
18	suffers from a hearing loss that impairs his ability to practice medicine safely.				
19	<u>PRAYER</u>				
20	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein				
21	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Division issue a decision:				
22	1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.				
23	A 16695, issued to ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D.;				
24	2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL				
25	M.D.'s authority to supervise physician's assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;				
26	3. Ordering ULYSSES M. CARBAJAL, M.D. to pay the Division of				
27	Medical Quality the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and, if				

28 placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;

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1	4. Taking action as authorized by section 822 of the Code, as the Division, in
2	its discretion, deems necessary and proper;
3	5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
4	DATED: September 12, 2005
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